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Greetings – as a follow up to our call yesterday, I want to provide you the attached EMBARGOED technical assessment for Shell Technology Center in the Congressman's district. We will release the technical assessments and intend to make this information public by Thursday, July 29th. Please do not distribute this information until we have had a chance to our initial outreach to stakeholders. We have provided a statement below on the technical assessments for a plain language description.

We have provided an EMBARGOED statement below for our community meetings. In the coming weeks, we will provide your office with the final meeting invite shortly before it is made public.

Please let me know if you have any questions. We will follow up when the information provided in this email is public and all of the information will be available on our EPA website for the region (<https://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/epa-region-6-south-central>) that will be updated with facility-specific pages that we will provide once they are live. We will continue to work to keep your staff and the community informed. Please let us know if you have any additional input on what would be helpful to your constituents and anything to help stakeholders better understand more about the facility and community impacts. Thanks!

EMBARGOED Statement on the Technical Assessments

EPA is announcing a series of virtual community meetings to provide residents and public officials with information about ethylene oxide (EtO) and its health effects, including community-specific risk information. EPA is also releasing updated information about eight chemical plants in Texas and Louisiana that emit EtO. This information will be available and shared at the community meetings and will be made available on the EPA website.

EPA staff and our state and local partners will provide information, at these virtual community meetings, about specific sites and answer questions about EtO and potential risks near chemical plants that emit EtO. EPA and our state and local partners will also discuss what we are doing to address emissions and potential risks.

EPA continues to coordinate with communities impacted by EtO emissions, and to ensure these communities have access to accurate, reliable data on EtO risks. In recent weeks, EPA has been working with community leaders in Texas and Louisiana near chemical plants that emit EtO, in order to plan for future discussions about EtO risk.

As EPA pursues its mission to protect human health and the environment, addressing risk related to EtO is a priority for the Agency. Engaging directly with communities where facilities emit EtO is an important step to both enhancing public trust and improving understanding about EtO and its potential risks.

EMBARGOED Statement on the Community Meeting Invite

The EPA will hold a virtual community meeting to provide members of the community, community leaders, public officials, and leaders of community organizations near Shell Technology Center with information about ethylene oxide and its health effects.

As we navigate our way through this unique time of pandemic, the health of the communities we serve and our staff are our top priority. As a result, EPA and TCEQ are conducting virtual meetings in lieu of in-person public meeting events.

During the virtual meeting, EPA staff and facility representatives will provide information and answer questions about ethylene oxide, how it is managed by the facility and associated risks in the community near Shell Technology Center. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, EPA will host the site-specific meetings online and/or over the phone via Zoom Cloud Meeting Video and Call Conference. For more information on EtO and attending, please refer to the meeting invite. The meeting invite will also provide contacts and information on any technical or accessibility issues.

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